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<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No. <b>09/171,043</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Konnersman</b>
	Examiner <b>Daniel Lastra</b>	Art Unit <b>3622</b>

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Date of Interview May 8, 2002

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 2, 5, and 13

Identification of prior art discussed:

Nock (6,144,967)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant discussed how the invention differed from the Nock invention. Specifically, it is was pointed out that Nock pertained more towards project management, where the present invention was directed towards a system for decision-making modeling. After further discussion it was determined that the independent claims needed to be amended to more clearly point out the decision-making aspect of the system. The Examiner also noted that Claims 5 and 13 were directed towards finding a path to traverse a network, and did not seem to be related to the decision-making modelling system of the other claims. The Applicant agreed to amend the claims to better define the scope as pertaining to the decision-making field and not the project management field. The Examiner noted that this may overcome the present reference, but would probably require a further search.

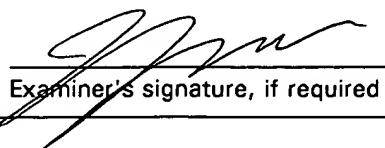
      

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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Examiner's signature, if required